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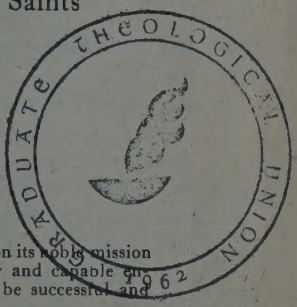

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Byron's Unpublished Prayer.

(A Favorite Poem of the Prophet Joseph Smith.)

My soul is sick of this long day.
I am weary of its lingering light;
And, loathing light, I turn away;
I weep and wish for night.

I long to lay me gently down
In slumber on my mother's breast.
I would exchange an Emperor's crown
For everlasting rest.

Without my own consent I came,
But with my wildest wish I'd go,
For I would fain to be the same
I was e'er born to woe.

This cold, hush'd heart, with no pale gleams
Of consciousness to wake or waste,
Would fain have slept within those dreams
Of everlasting rest.

And now, in manhood's morn, I stand,
I've lived the laurel wreath to gain,
My songs are heard in every land;
And beauty breathes the strain.

Her smiles, her sweetest tears, are mine,
And yet of love vain youth possessed.
How gladly would I all resign
For everlasting rest.

MRS. LUCY MACK SMITH, MOTHER OF THE PROPHET JOSEPH SMITH.